(b) Since the existing guidelines permit only 100 gms. of foodgrains per child per school day the Cenral Government, in response to the proposal of the Karnataka Government, has communicated that it would not be possible to allocate 5 kg. of foodgrains per child per month at this stage.

Financial irrigularities in Vishesh Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ghaziabad

1872. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether norms have been fixed for closing down teaching in any particular faculty/subject in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any complaints regarding closing down teaching of Arts/ Physical Education subjects in 11th class arbitratily in Vishesh Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ghaziabad, by the Principal have been received; and

(d) if so, the action taken in regard thereto and whether instructions would be given for continuing with Arts/Physical Education in 11th class in the said school from the current session itself?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Specific streams like Science, Commerce and Humanities in schools are sanctioned or closed down by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters, depending upon the availability of infrastructure and demand.

(c) and (d) As informed by KVS a complaint had been received from an Hon'ble MP to this effect and the matter was enquired into. The Arts stream has been closed down by the KVS Headquarters because an additional section was sanctioned for Commerce stream in view of more demand.

Cold water for rail passengers

†1873. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding non-availability of cold water to passengers in trains and at the stations, especially during summer; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Some complaints in this regard are received from time to time particularly during summer.

(b) The following steps are taken to ensure availability drinking water during the summer:

(i) A close liaison at local levels is maintained with the concerned municipal authorities to ensure uninterrupted supply of water to the railway stations where municipal supplies are available;

(ii) Sanctioned works for augmentation of water supply, installation of water coolers, pumps, bore-wells, etc. which are in progress in vulnerable stations are completed without delay;

(iii) Repairs to the taps and water coolers at the platforms and stations premises are attended to and the defective taps/water coolers are repaired and kept in working order;

(iv) Water through road water tankers is also arranged where feasible;

(v) Voluntary organisations like Lions Club, Rotary Club, Rovers/ Scouts; Pios by other NGOs also provide assistance at many stations.

Problems at Kalyan railway station

1874. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Kalyanmadhyai railwaykade tikitachnahit" appearing in the 'Maharashtra Times', dated 25th June, 2002 published from Maharashtra;

(b) if so Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to address the various problems and bottlenecks mentioned in the news-item regarding deteriorating situation at Kalyan railway station; and